

MINUTES  
TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING TO ADOPT FYE2020 BUDGET

DATE: AUGUST 20, 2019

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

PLACE: TERRELL COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL BUILDING

COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF PRESENT: CHAIRMAN WILBUR T. GAMBLE, III, VICE CHAIRMAN BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, LARRY FAUST, CLERK SANDRA O'STEAN, FINANCIAL OFFICER COURTNEY deLAMBERT

OTHERS PRESENT: DARLENE PAUL, LINDA FREEMAN, NANCI AYERS, GAIL FAUST

CALL TO ORDER – CHAIRMAN WILBUR T. GAMBLE, III

PRAYER – COMMISSIONER LUCIUS HOLLOWAY

AGENDA – ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. ALL OF THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, LARRY FAUST, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF THE FY2020 BUDGET FOR TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION – CHAIRMAN GAMBLE ANNOUNCED THE EXPENDITURES FOR THE BUDGET FYE20 HAVE ALREADY BEEN APPROVED AND NOW IT SEEMS THE ANTICIPATED REVENUE IS MORE THAN THE EXPENDITURES. THIS MAY NOT BE 100% FACTORED; BUT THE EXCESS REVENUE FOR NOW WILL NEED TO BE PUT IN CONTINGENCY OR A TYPE OF SURPLUS ACCOUNT. THE RESOLUTION IS WHAT IS BEING VOTED ON AT THIS MEETING. AT THIS TIME THERE IS NO NEED FOR INCREASE IN MILLAGE. THE TAX COMMISSIONER HAD NOT PROVIDED ALL OF THE FIGURES NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE BUDGET PROCESS. THE PROPOSED BUDGET IS FOR \$9,402,748.87 WHICH WAS NOTED AS BEING HIGHER FROM THE BUDGET LAST YEAR. COMMISSIONER HOLLOWAY ASKED FOR AN EXPLANATION OF THE CONTINGENCY FUND AND WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THE BUDGET COULD BE SET IN THAT ACCOUNT. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE GAVE ANSWER THAT AUDITORS RECOMMEND AT LEAST FIVE PERCENT (5%) BE PLACED IN CONTINGENCY. COMMISSIONER STAFFORD ASKED ABOUT A DATE FOR SETTING THE MILLAGE RATE. THE FIVE YEAR HISTORY IS THE NEXT STEP AND THE TAX COMMISSIONER DOES HAVE THE INFORMATION AT THIS TIME. THE FINANCE OFFICER COURTNEY deLAMBERT WAS ASKED TO WORK WITH THE TAX ASSESSOR DARLENE PAUL TO OBTAIN THE FIGURES FOR THE DIGEST. JUDGE LINDA FREEMAN SAID IN THE PAST YEARS WHEN THE TWO PERCENT (2%) PAY RAISES WERE APPROVED IN THE BUDGET THE EMPLOYEES HAD TO WAIT UNTIL JANUARY OF THE NEXT YEAR TO RECEIVE THE INCREASE. SHE ASKED WHEN WOULD THE PAY RAISES THAT WERE APPROVED IN THIS FYE20 BUDGET BE EFFECTIVE? CHAIRMAN GAMBLE STATED THE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR IS OCTOBER 1 CURRENT YEAR TO SEPTEMBER 30 FOLLOWING YEAR AND THE 2% RAISE BEGINS OCTOBER. HE CAUTIONED THOUGH THAT SPENDING NEEDS TO BE KEPT IN CHECK AS THE REVENUE DOES NOT START COMING IN UNTIL THE TAX BILLS ARE SENT OUT AND ACTUALLY BECOME DUE. BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE BUDGET RESOLUTION AND HAVE THE CHAIRMAN SIGN IT AND THE CLERK ALONG WITH THE FINANCIAL OFFICER ATTEST THE SAME. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND LARRY FAUST. THE MOTION CARRIED.

MEETING ADJOURNED: ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. LARRY FAUST GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LARRY FAUST, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED AND THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY: Sandra O'Stean  
SANDRA O'STEAN COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED BY: Wilbur T. Gamble III  
WILBUR T. GAMBLE, III CHAIRMAN

DATE: 9-3-19